

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BRESLOW, Stuart Lee et al.

Serial No.

09/476,448

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Title

ON-LINE TRADING SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Petition For Revival Of An Application Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a)
OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,
Conditional Petition For Revival Of An Application Abandoned Unintentionally
Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

Sir:

PART A

Petition For Revival Of An Application Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a)

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (specifically, the Office Action dated August 3, 2005). The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained (i.e., November 3, 2005).

Applicants hereby petition for revival of this Application for unavoidable delay.

This grantable petition includes the following items:

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(1) Petition fee

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Petition fee, as well as any other necessary LARGE ENTITY fees, to Deposit Account No. 16-2500.

(2) Reply

Applicants are submitting herewith (a) a paper entitled AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 3, 2005 OFFICE ACTION FILED WITH PETITION TO REVIVE, which constitutes a complete reply to the Office Action dated August 3, 2005.

- (3) Because this Application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no Terminal Disclaimer is required.
 - (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay

Applicants are submitting herewith the following papers, with attached exhibits, which provide an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, i.e., the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed the Office Action of August 3, 2005 to the wrong address, and Applicants and their representatives had no reasonable way of knowing of the existence of this Office Action until receiving a Notice of Abandonment on September 27, 2006:

- (b) DECLARATION OF GREGG GOLDMAN
- (c) DECLARATION OF JOHN C. STELLABOTTE
- (d) DECLARATION OF ELIZABETH TAVAREZ

Argument

The standard for showing "unavoidable delay" is defined in MPEP § 711.03(c) (pages 700-202-203) as being the "reasonably prudent person" standard.

The attached Declarations and their exhibits demonstrate the following:

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(1) Prior to February 4, 2005, Applicants were represented by attorneys at the following correspondence address:

Leslie Gladstone Restaino Esq. Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP 163 Madison Avenue P.O. Box 1989 Morristown, NJ 07962-1989

(2) On February 4, 2005, Applicants properly filed a change of address to their inhouse attorney at the following correspondence address:

Gregg Goldman UBS AG, Stamford Branch 677 Washington Blvd. Stamford, CT 06901

(3) On February 27, 2006, the USPTO mailed a "NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY" to:

Gregg Goldman UBS AG, Stamford Branch 677 Washington Blvd. Stamford, CT 06901

This Notice further states it is "in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/04/2005. The Power of Attorney is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33."

(4) On May 20, 2005, Applicants filed, by facsimile transmission, a new Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form, executed by Gregg Goldman on May 20, 2005, directing that all future correspondence be directed to the address associated with Customer Number 21890, i.e., to Proskauer Rose LLP, 1585 Broadway, New York, NY 10036.

Applicants concurrently filed other papers with this power, all giving the aboveidentified address of Proskauer Rose LLP as the correspondence address. (5) On June 1, 2005 and July 6, 2005, Applicants refiled this new Power. On both occasions, Applicants' facsimile transmission report indicated "OK" reception of the Power.

(6) Despite the instructions to address all future communications to Gregg Goldman on February 4, 2005, and the later instructions to address all future communications to Proskauer Rose LLP, on August 3, 2005, the USPTO mailed an Office Action in the Application to the following address:

Leslie Gladstone Restaino Esq. Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP 163 Madison Avenue P.O. Box 1989 Morristown, NJ 07962-1989

Page 2 of the Office Action states that it is "Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>20 May</u> <u>2005</u>," that is, responsive to the papers filed by Proskauer Rose LLP.

(7) On September 22, 2006, a Notice of Abandonment in the Application was mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Gregg Goldman at the following address:

Gregg Goldman UBS AG, Stamford Branch 677 Washington Blvd. Stamford, CT 06901

The Notice of Abandonment states that the Application is abandoned in view of Applicants' "failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Letter mailed on <u>03 August 2005</u>." It was received by Gregg Goldmann on September 27, 2006. This Office Action dated August 3, 2005 was never forwarded by anyone at the Brown Raysman law firm to Gregg Goldman or to the Proskauer Rose law firm or any other representative of Applicants.

(8) Prior to receipt of the Notice of Abandonment dated September 22, 2006, neither Gregg Goldman nor anyone at the Proskauer Rose law firm was aware of or ever received the Office Action dated August 3, 2005.

(9) Since September 27, 2006, Applicants and their representatives have worked diligently to obtain the facts, determine the proper course of action, and to prepare this Petition, the accompanying Declarations and their exhibits, and the accompanying Amendment, so as to provide a grantable petition to revive.

Applicants respectfully submit that under the "reasonably prudent person standard," they have made an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, i.e., the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed the Office Action of August 3, 2005 to the wrong address, and Applicants and their representatives had no reasonable way of knowing of the existence of this Office Action until receiving a Notice of Abandonment on September 27, 2006.

Therefore, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to revive this application for unavoidable delay and to return the application to the Examiner for further prosecution in accordance with the concurrently submitted Amendment.

PART B

Conditional Petition For Revival Of An Application Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

In the event that the United States Patent and Trademark Office determines that the above-discussed evidence is insufficient to establish unavoidable delay, Applicants hereby petition for revival of this Application for unintentional delay. This grantable petition includes the following items:

(1) Petition fee

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Petition fee, as well as any other necessary LARGE ENTITY fees, to Deposit Account No. 16-2500.

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REVIVE, which constitutes a complete reply to the Office Action dated August 3, 2005.

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Disclaimer is required.

(4) The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required

reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Therefore, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested

to revive this application for unintentional delay and to return the application to the Examiner

for further prosecution in accordance with the concurrently submitted Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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